

From the desk of
Rep. Gary Alexander • Rep. Richard DeBolt



Dear friends and neighbors,

We can all agree that this past legislative session was too long. But contrary to media reports, **we passed some very important legislation** – legislation that will make a difference for our families and communities. These accomplishments range from a comprehensive energy program to landmark water legislation.

As you most likely heard on the news, the Legislature has not yet reached agreement on new funding for a statewide transportation system. Solving the transportation problems for the state without burdening the taxpayers will be one of our goals for the 2002 session. We need a focused and fair approach, because this is about more than just building roads – **it's about rebuilding trust.**

Maintaining the economic stability in our state will also top the list for 2002. As some of us feared, we are facing a budget shortfall. The horrific terrorist attacks on our country only exacerbated an already bleak budget outlook. We must look for creative solutions to increase productivity, streamline services and assist people and businesses in our state. Providing more cost-effective solutions and reducing any adverse effects on you, the citizens, must be our goal.

There are still those in Olympia, including your 20th District representatives, who want to protect your voice in government. Remember, government is supposed to solve problems, not just spend money!

There is little doubt that the 2002 session will be one of the most difficult in recent history. We encourage you to call our offices with any questions. Included here are a few survey questions so we can better gauge your thoughts.

Thank you,

Rep. Gary Alexander

Rep. Richard DeBolt

SURVEY

The Legislature is addressing many issues that will impact Washington's future. You can be a critical part of this important discussion by returning this brief survey, which will help us better serve you in Olympia.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

1. What do you believe is the most critical issue facing our state? Please rank in order of importance from a high of 1 to a low of 9.

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| _____ Public schools | _____ Property taxes |
| _____ National security | _____ State budget |
| _____ Health care | _____ Govt. over-regulation |
| _____ Energy and utility issues | |
| _____ State transportation system | |
| _____ Washington business climate | |
| Comments _____ | |
| _____ | |

2. Do you believe certain state programs are "off limits" to budget cuts?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which ones: _____

3. Do you support Gov. Locke's transportation funding proposal and tax increases, including a 9 cent-per-gallon gas tax increase, a new 2% auto and truck sales tax, an increase in the weight-mile tax on trucks and recreational vehicles, and a 12 cent-per-gallon increase in the diesel fuel tax?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments _____

4. If there were new user fees for transportation in our state, who should decide?

_____ Referendum to the people

_____ The Legislature

Comments _____

We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts!

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